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On 25 May 1948 the Executive Committee of the Tsingtac Russian Emigres Association published an order denying official recognition by the Association of the Evening Gazette, the supposed Russian emigre newspaper published in Tientsin. 25X1A) The reason given for such an order was that the newspaper "is strictly pro-Soviet in character."

- This action was taken solely on the basis of issue no. 13, published 14 May 1948, in which an article under a Moscow dateline made the following claims: False propaganda is being spread by the press about the position of the Russian church and the government of the USSR. Marshall Stalin is a "genius of the world."
- Several minor articles throughout various issues of the Evening Gazette suggest certain pro-Soviet tendencies; however, there is more of an anti-Communist and anti-Soviet tone in the papers than there is pro-Soviet. The newspaper was banned by the local REA at the instigation of its president, V. F. Kankin, who publishes the North China Marine. Kamkin had also planned to publish an emigres' or anti-Soviet newspaper, and therefore resented competition from the Evening Gazette.
- The Evening Cazette will continue to come to Teingtao in spite of official disproval by the REA.

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